



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Blount      Serial No.: 10/668,070  
Filing Date: 9/22/2003      Art Unit: 3682

November 15, 2004

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182**

Dear Sir:

Applicant responds herein to the NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEMS IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION mailed September 16, 2004. Applicant is responding within the two-month response time set forth in the NOTICE.

On September 22, 2003, applicant submitted by US Express Mail a non-provisional patent application. The application contained 6 drawing sheets. The NOTICE states Fig 5 was missing.

Applicant submits the following for consideration:

1. Return receipt postcard stamped by the USPTO acknowledging receipt of the application. Item number 6 refers to "6 drawing sheets." Applicant

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submits that the Patent Office, in stamping the acknowledgment card,  
received 6 drawing sheets.

2. Applicant further is submitting the identical 6 drawing sheets. Each sheet is labeled sequentially 1/6, 2/6 (one of six, two of six), etc. Applicant respectfully points out that sheet labeled 4/6 contains Fig 5 which was reported to be missing from the application.

Applicant asserts that all 6 sheets were submitted and requests the petition to include all the sheets submitted herein as part of the application as currently pending, with a filing date of September 22, 2003 be granted

Applicant is submitting the \$130 petition fee.

Applicant further requests refund of the petition fee on the grounds that the applicant was not responsible for the missing drawing sheet and that all the drawing sheets were submitted to the Patent Office on September 22, 2003.

Accordingly, applicant believes the evidence provided herein supports the petition in response to the NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEMS IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION mailed September 16, 2004.

If the Patent Office believes a telephonic communication would expedite resolution of this matter, invitation is extended to contact the undersigned representative who is agent of record in this case. Favorable granting of the petition is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

 11/15/2004

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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/668,070	09/22/2003	John Blount	610-001

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## NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

### FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 5 described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

Applicant is advised that generally the filing fee required for an application is the filing fee in effect on the filing date accorded the application and that payment of the requisite basic filing fee on a date later than the filing date of the application requires payment of a surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)). To avoid processing delays and payment of a surcharge, applicant should submit any balance due for the requisite filing fee based on the later filing date being requested when submitting the omitted item(s) and the petition (and petition fee) requesting the later filing date.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (*i.e.*, the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabeled drawing figures, is required.

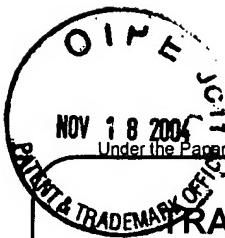
A copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink should accompany with any drawing changes . Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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*(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)*

Application Number	10/668,070
Filing Date	9/22/03
First Named Inventor	Blount
Art Unit	3682
Examiner Name	
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### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	David W Barman		
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Printed name	David W Barman		
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005

Effective 10/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete if Known

Application Number	10/668,070
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First Named Inventor	Bilouin
Examiner Name	3682
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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check  Credit card  Money Order  Other  None

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 790	2001 395			Utility filing fee	
1002 350	2002 175			Design filing fee	
1003 550	2003 275			Plant filing fee	
1004 790	2004 395			Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80			Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)</b>					

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X	=
			- 3** =	X	=

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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 430	2252 215	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 980	2253 490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,530	2254 765	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,080	2255 1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 340	2401 170	Notice of Appeal	
1402 340	2402 170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 300	2403 150	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,370	2453 685	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,370	2501 685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1503 660	2503 330	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	130
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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1809 790	2809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 790	2810 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 790	2801 395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)			

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## SUBMITTED BY

(Complete if applicable)

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Receipt of Papers: Non-Provisional Patent Application

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